

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A foldaway electronic device includes a
base unit having opposing lateral surfaces and an
end portion, a cover unit having opposing lateral
surfaces, each of which corresponds to one of the
lateral surfaces of the base unit, and an end
portion that is rotatably attached to the end
portion of the base unit, whereby the cover unit may
be rotated between a folded position relative to the
10 base unit and an unfolded position relative to the
base unit, a locking mechanism in the base unit and
cover unit that locks the cover unit in the folded
position, a lock release mechanism in the base unit
that releases the locking mechanism when the cover
15 unit is in the folded position, and impelling means
in the base unit for impelling the cover unit from
the folded position to an unfolded position after
the lock release mechanism has been actuated,
wherein either lateral surface of the base unit has
20 a guard portion that extends over and prevents
contact by a user's thumb and fingers with a portion
of the corresponding lateral surface of the cover
unit when the cover unit is in the folded position
and the lock release mechanism is being actuated.